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TO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA PRIORITY
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SUBJ: VISIT OFOPIC CONSULTANT, ALBERT KELLY

REF: STATE 066659 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION REFTEL IMMEDIATELY BEFORE DEPARTING NAIROBI FOR 4-DAY UPCOUNTRY TRIP APRIL 4, KELLY ASKED EMBASSY RESPOND AS FOLLOWS. (FOR BENEFIT ADDIS, LAGOS AND PRETORIA, REFTEL REPORTED THAT AFTER KELLY LEFT WASH-INGTON APRIL 1 ENROUTE KENYA, CABLE ARRIVED FROM GABORONE STATING THAT FOR VARIETY OF REASONS HIS PROPOSED APRIL 18 - MAY 1 TIMING FOR BOTSWANA VISIT IS INCONVENIENT FOR EMBASSY GABORONE AND STRONGLY URGING POSTPONEMENT OF WEEK OR TWO.)

2. KELLY WISHES RESPECT EMBASSY GABORONES' RECOMMENDATION AND REQUESTS REACTION OF ADDIS, LAGOS AND GABORONE TO FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE ITINERARIES.

A. DEPART KENYA ABOUT APRIL 14-15 FOR ADDIS, CONDUCT VISIT THERE ABOUT APRIL 15-19, THEN PROCEED TO LAGOS TO CONDUCT NIGERIAN VISIT APPROX APRIL 19-26 PRIOR TO PROCEED-ING BOTSWANA.

B. DEPART KENYA ABOUT APRIL 12 OR 13 FOR LAGOS (PRO-
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BABLY WOULD HAVE TO BE 13TH DUE TO FLIGHT SCHEDULES) AND

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FROM LAGOS IMMEDIATELY NORTHWARD TO KANO REGION WHERE, UNLIKE IN KENYA AND PROBABLY ETHIOPIA, LONG LOCAL EASTER HOLIDAY MIGHT NOT PREVENT ACTIVE APRIL 14-15 WORKING SCHEDULE. NIGERIAN VISIT OF ABOUT APRIL 13-20 WOULD THEN BE FOLLOWED BY ETHIOPIAN VISIT APPROX APRIL 20-24, THEN ONWARD TO BOTSWANA.

3. WOULD ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES PLEASE PROVIDE REACTIONS AND COMMENTS ON PARA 2 TO EMBASSY NAIROBI BY OPENING OF BUSINESS APRIL 8 AT LATEST, AS KELLY PLANS SPEND THAT DAY IN NAIROBI CONSULTATIONS BEFORE HEADING OUT ON 3-4 DAY TRIP TO KENYA COASTAL RANGE REGIONS.

4. FOR GABORONE: KELLY STILL HOPEFUL IT MAY BE FEASIBLE PLAN ON BOTSWANA TRIP FOR LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY. HE WISHES POINT OUT HIS COMPLETE WILLINGNESS CONDUCT VISIT WITH MINIMAL OR NO EMBOFF ACCOMPANIMENT, AND WITH MINIMUM POSSIBLE BURDEN ON AMBASSADOR AND STAFF TIME.

5. FOR ADDIS: KELLY REQUESTS UPDATED EVALUATION OF RURAL SITUATION THERE AS MIGHT AFFECT HIS PROPOSED TRIP. IN POSSIBLY RESCHEDULING HIS ETHIOPIAN TRIP, HE OF COURSE WILL BE GUIDED BY YOUR ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY VISITING DIRE DAWA, DEBRA ZEIT AND SHASHAMANE AT ONE OF ALTERNATIVE TIME PERIODS INDICATED ABOVE.

6. WILL ADVISE KELLY'S PROPOSED ONWARD SCHEDULING ON APRIL 8 OR 9 AFTER ADDRESSEE RESPONSES CONSIDERED.
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